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SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE SCALBY

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Scalby Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for 1972.

The trends in the indices of the public health in the District which have been discernable for some years continue to have effects which are generally favourable and show little change.

Members will note that 3 cases of Infective Hepatitis were notified during the year. This is a virus disease which became generally notifiable in 1968. It usually occurs sporadically or in small epidemics. Owing to the long incubation period it is difficult to trace the source of a particular infection. Fortunately the mortality rate is low though the effects of the illness tend to get more severe with advancing years.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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The Estates, Public Health and General Purposes Committee of the Scalby Urban District Council and the Health Committee of the North Riding County Council are concerned with matters of public health in the Urban District.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 8,710 shows an increase of 90 compared with 1971.

Births

A total of 88 live and still-births gave a live birth-rate adjusted at 9.9 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	40	39	79
Illegitimate	4	3	7
	<u>44</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>86</u>

Illegitimate live births, per cent of total live births = 8.9%

<u>Still-Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Deaths

Of the 106 deaths among Scalby Urban District Council residents 57 occurred in persons aged 75 or over.

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	3	3	6
Diabetes mellitus	1	-	1
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	25	14	39
Other forms of heart disease	1	2	3
Cerebrovascular disease	11	12	23
Other diseases of circulatory system	4	-	4
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	1	3
Peptic ulcer	-	1	1
Influenza	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1	1
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	1	-	1
	<u>58</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>106</u>
Totals	58	48	106

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The crude death rate of 12.2 per 1,000 population, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Factor to allow for age distribution, becomes 9.5 compared with 12.1 for England and Wales.

Infant Mortality

One infant death occurred during the year.

	Scalby U.D.	England & Wales
Total infant death rate per 1,000 live births	12	17
Legitimate infant death rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	-	17
Illegitimate infant death rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	143	21
Neo-natal mortality rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	12	12
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	12	10
Perinatal mortality rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still-births)	34	22
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	23	12
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate</u> (including Abortion)	-	0.15

Table of Vital Statistics covering the last 5 years

Year	Popu- lations	Live and Still- Births	Live Birth rate per 1,000 Popu- lation Adjusted	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Popu- lation Adjusted	Total Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Still- Births	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still- Births
1968	8260	100	11.5	97	7.8	-	-	2	20.0
1969	8310	94	11.0	109	8.5	1	11.0	-	-
1970	8230	85	9.7	112	9.0	-	-	3	35.0
1971	8620	101	11.3	92	7.1	2	20.0	1	10.0
1972	8710	88	12.6	106	9.5	1	12.0	2	23.0
England and Wales 1972									
	734199		14.8	591907	12.1	12494	17.0	8794	12.0

Infectious Diseases - Notifications

Measles	48
Food Poisoning	2
Infective Hepatitis	3
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National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 47)

No action was taken under the above section which authorises an authority under section 47 to take steps to secure the transfer of persons in need of care and attention coming within the section, to hospital or other suitable institutions.

I am indebted to Mr. Horn, Public Health Inspector and Surveyor for the following information:-

Housing

Number completed by Local Authority	1946-69	288 houses, 4 shops 53 Aged Persons Dwellings 2 Warden's Houses and Community Centre
Number of Council Houses sold during 1972		24 houses
Number completed by Private Enterprise	1946-71 1972	1,338 houses 47 houses
Number completed by Scarborough Corporation within the Urban District	1955-65	50 houses and flats
Number completed by North Riding Standing Joint Committee	1956-65	7 houses

The housing development at Hollytree Farm, Scalby Road, Newby, and the conversion of the existing farmhouse is being continued and it is anticipated the scheme will be completed on or before September, 1973.

The Council is contemplating the conversion of Danes Dyke into bed sitting rooms and the construction of flats for the aged.

In accordance with our usual practice, an intercom system will be fitted in all cases where housing for the aged is concerned.

Private enterprise meets our housing requirements to a large extent.

Water Supply

We are fortunate in as much as there is a plentiful supply of pure drinking water in the Urban District of Scalby. The Scarborough Water Undertaking is responsible for the piped supply in the area. From a bacteriological standard and chemical analyses, the water is satisfactory in all respects.

Both temporary and permanent hardness is evident in the existing water supply and no plumbo solvent reaction is apparent.

Number of houses connected to mains	3,503 (8,689 population)
Number of houses not connected to mains	7 (21 population)

The entire population of the district is served by mains water except a few farm premises situated on the perimeter of the district, which are served by private wells and spring supply.

Bacteriological Examination - 54 samples were taken, 1 was unsatisfactory but later proved satisfactory

Chemical Analysis - 12 samples were taken, all of which met standard requirements.

Moveable Dwellings

There are four approved caravan sites in the Urban District of Scalby, all of which are authorised for occupation during the summer months only:-

Pickering, High Mill Farm - occupied as a holiday caravan site during summer

Smith, Scalby Close Filling Station - Planning approval given for a limited period for the siting of 3 caravans during the summer months.

Scalby Manor Hotel - Planning approval given for a limited period for the siting of four caravans during the summer months.

Scalby Manor Short Stay Caravan and Camping Site - Scarborough Corporation Planning approval given for the siting of 270 caravans and 75 tent units during the summer months.

Twenty inspections were carried out.

S A N I T A R Y C O N D I T I O N S

Refuse Collection

Refuse collection has been carried out in an efficient manner and no complaints have been received which were due to neglect. At least a weekly collection has been maintained and a greater frequency where necessary for commercial premises. Farmsteads in outlying areas are dealt with fortnightly.

Paper salvage is collected in trailers attached to the refuse collection vehicles.

Salvage Collection

78.18 tonnes of waste paper has been baled and forwarded to the Thames Board Mills during the year under review.

Scrap metal and rags, etc. have been collected and disposed of through the usual trade channels.

Refuse Disposal

The refuse tip is sited off Burniston Road and has proved adequate to serve our requirements during the past year. The officials of the surrounding authorities have carried out a feasibility study embracing future refuse disposal.

Public Health Acts 1936-1961

95 inspections (excluding housing inspections) were carried out and sixteen nuisances were detected and remedial work carried out after informal action. No statutory action was found to be necessary.

Offensive Trades

No offensive trades were registered during the current year.

Clean Air Act

The Urban District is not particularly affected with atmospheric pollution. Scalby is sited near the seaboard with little industry. No further action is necessary.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

65 inspections were carried out under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act of 1963 and no statutory notices were served.

Rodent Control

All premises within the Urban District are treated free of charge for rodent infestation.

Remedial work was carried out in accordance with Ministry formulae.

During the year under review, 418 premises were inspected for rodent infestation and treatments were carried out in 107 instances.

Workable Area Committee The Committee comprising officials of the surrounding districts together with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, meeting every six months, usually at the Council Offices, Pickering, when up to date information is given in the form of lectures, complete with films and slides as teaching aids.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Officials of the North Riding County Council carried out sampling.

(a) Brucella Abortus There is no evidence of any abnormal increase in the incidence of this disease in the Urban District.

(b) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Fish Shop	2	Regulation 16 & 19
Butchers	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Confectionery	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Licensed Premises	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Greengrocer	3	Regulation 16
Schools	2	Regulation 16 & 19
Nursery Schools	2	Regulation 16 & 19
Hotels, Rest Homes & Hostels	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Slaughterhouses	3	Regulation 16 & 19

(c) Poultry Inspection No poultry processing premises exist within the district.

General Self-service and supermarkets within the Urban District where a variety of trades are handled including raw meat (i.e. butchery department) greengrocery, etc. departments, have been included in list (b) above, and regulations 16 and 19 are operative.

The local shopkeepers, where food is sold, continue to co-operate with the Local Authority in displaying notices within their premises controlling dogs.

Number of inspections carried out	60
Number of unsatisfactory conditions found	2 (remedied after informal action)

Icecream 18 premises are registered in the Urban District. Sampling was carried out by the North Riding County Council.

Milk Supply Samples and various tests were carried out by officials of the North Riding County Council.

Meat Inspection 100% inspection was maintained during 1972 necessitating 512 visits to the three private slaughterhouses in the area.

Number of animals slaughtered	7,617
Number of animals inspected	7,617
Weight of meat and offal voluntarily surrendered	13 cwt. 6 st. 11lb. (698.96 kilogrammes)

Slaughterhouses The three private slaughterhouses in the district were again re-licensed. Four unsatisfactory conditions were discovered and remedied after informal action.

Slaughter of Animals Regulations No action was necessary under these Regulations during the past year.

Farms There are 18 farms in the Urban District, 66% of which are milk producers.

Housing Act 1957, 1964 and 1969

Number of inspections carried out	180
Number unfit for human habitation	Nil
Number inspected for housing defects	60

Five houses capable of repair were brought up to include all standard amenities and assisted by the Grant Aid Scheme under the Housing Act 1969.

Mortuary

One mortuary sited in Moor Lane, Newby, is provided to meet our statutory obligations, i.e. to accommodate sudden deaths and deaths by road accidents in the Coroner's Area. Post mortem facilities are not available, these are carried out at Scarborough Hospital mortuary.

In the past year, the mortuary service has dealt with 4 cases.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Schemes commenced during year:

High Moor Edge and Scalby Nabs View (C. R. Coates, Ltd.)
Keld Close (K. Mollekin)
Extension Hall Park Grove (R. F. Ware & Sons, Ltd.)
Extension Hay Brow Crescent (L. Mann)
The Uplands Site, Hay Lane (East Ayton Development Co. Ltd.)

Schemes completed during year:

No schemes were completed during the year, a number are being continued.

Details of area requiring sewerage and sewage disposal facilities

Building land defined in the Town Map served by public sewers.
Isolated properties served by septic tanks. Public sewers within the area discharge to a sea outfall by gravitation.

Number of Houses not connected to Public Sewer: 68 - Most of the sewage outfalls in this classification have been re-constructed into modern septic tanks. Six properties are served by private sewage disposal works.

Closet Accommodation and Drainage

Number of houses with water carriage system	3,508
Number of houses without water carriage system	2
Number of houses converted to water carriage system during year.	NIL

Sanitary Circumstances of the District in General

All animals slaughtered within the Urban District are inspected and, in a number of instances, particularly in the latter part of the year, anti-mortem inspections have been carried out on pigs, searching for any evidence of vesicular disease. None was found.

ANNEX

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1972 for the Urban District
of Scalby in the County of York

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	16	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	8	NIL	NIL
Total	12	24	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134) - NIL RETURNS

